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SUBJ: DOCUMENTATION: IMPORT LICENSE TOLERANCES

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1. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT NIGERIA SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE SECOND CATEGORY OF COUNTRIES REQUIRING LICENSES FOR ALL OR NEARLY ALL OF THEIR IMPORTS, AND HAVING UNCLEAR TOLERANCE POLICIES. IN NIGERIA LICENSES ARE REQUIRED FOR ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF IMPORTS (THE BULK OF IMPORTS COME IN UNDER OPEN GENERAL LICENSE - NO INDIVIDUAL LICENSE) AND WE DO NOT KNOW OF ANY PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN SHIPMENTS AND TERMS OF LICENSES.

2. LICENSES ARE CURRENTLY (FY 1973-74) REQUIRED FOR IMPORTATION OF RICE, WHEAT, TOBACCO, AERATED WATERS, ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES, PACKAGING MATERIALS, BICYCLE TIRES AND TUBES, DUPLICATING PAPER, MAIZE, AND STOCKFISH.

3. IN ADDITION, CERTAIN TYPES OF GOODS MAY OBLY BE IMPORTED WITH THE APPROVAL OF A GOVERNMENT AGENCY SUCH AS THE ARMED FORCES, POLICE OR PHARMACISTS BOARD.

4. ITEMS REQUIRING IMPORT LICENSES MADE UP APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT OF U. S. EXPORTS TO NIGERIA IN 1971, WITH WHEAT MAKING UP THE BULK (ALMOST 90 PERCENT) OF THIS FIGURE. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT CONSIDERED A HINDRANCE TO INCREASED U. S. EXPORTS TO NIGERIA.
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